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SUBJECT: NOTES ON FRG-GOB BILATERAL NUCLEAR AGREEMENT

1. IN COURSE OF EXTENDED CORDIAL CONVERSATION WITH ECON-COMM COUNSELOR, FRG'S ECONOMIC COUNSELOR HERE (WHO HAS BEEN CLOSELY INVOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS OF THE FRG-GOB NUCLEAR AGREEMENT) OFFERED THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS:

(A) ASKED ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE FUEL SUPPLY COMMITMENT FOR ANGRA II AND III, HE SAID (WITH A SMILE) THAT THE NEGOTIATORS HOPED THIS WOULD NOT ARISE. HE GAVE NO INDICATION THAT THE CLAUSE WAS BEING ACTIVATED AND, INDEED, SUGGESTED THAT THE FRG WAS NOT ANXIOUS TO ASSUME ADDITIONAL COMMITMENTS IN THIS AREA. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE GERMAN COUNSELOR INDICATED AWARENESS THAT THERE WAS A PROBLEM WITH US SUPPLY CONTRACTS (HE WAS NOT CLEAR ON DETAILS) AND THOUGHT THE NEEDS OF ANGRA II AND III WERE FAIRLY SMALL IN RELATION TO OVER-ALL GERMAN REQUIREMENTS AND COMMITMENTS. GERMAN ECON COUNSELOR DID NOT SEEM TO BE INFORMED ON URENCO CAPACITY COMMITMENTS, WHICH MAY

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SUGGEST THAT HE HAD NOT RECENTLY BEEN WORKING ON THIS

PROBLEM.

(B) ON NUMBER OF REACTORS TO BE SOLD, GERMAN ECON
COUNSELOR SAID THAT THE INTENT OF THE AGREEMENT
DEFINITELY WAS FOR EIGHT. HOWEVER, ONLY FOUR WERE FIRMLY
COMMITTED. HE WAS VAGUE ON PRECISELY WHAT RIGHTS FRG FELT IT
HAD UNDER ITS OPTION TO THE SECOND FOQL.

(C) ON A HISTORICAL NOTE, THE GERMAN COUNSELOR SAID THE
WORKING GROUP ON SCIENCE AD TECHNOLOGY WAS REALLYS THE

CENTER PIECE OF THE COONSULTATIVE MECHANISMS BETWEEN THE

FRG AND GOB AND THAT THE CONCEPTS OF THE BILATERAL NUCLEAR

AGREEMENT
HAD EMERGED FROM THAT GROUP.

2. THE GERMAN COUNSELOR WAS AWARE OF MINISTER OF MINES AND
ENERGY UEUN' STATEMENTS ONBRAZIL'S STRONG INTEREST IN THE
NEXT GENERATION OF NUCLEAR POWER REACTORS AND PROBED GOB'S

INTEREST IN COOPERATION WITH THE US IN THIS AREA.
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